



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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April 12, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 April 12, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT  
FOR THE DASH BOYLE HEIGHTS/EAST LOS ANGELES TRANSIT SERVICE  
WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute Amendment No. 2 to the existing funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles and to approve funding for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to the funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service to extend the agreement term on a month-to-month basis for up to 12 months beginning on May 10, 2011, and approve additional funding for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The amendment to be executed by the Director of Public Works or her designee is required to continue the operation of the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service (Service) to provide transit service in the County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated community of East Los Angeles. The County has cooperatively funded this Service with the City of Los Angeles (City) since March 2007.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action provides transit service to the public in a responsive manner, thereby improving the mobility and quality of life for transit-dependent patrons.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

For the contract period of May 10, 2011, through May 9, 2012, the total estimated cost of the Service less farebox revenue is \$792,000 of which \$492,000 will be offset by Formula Allocation Procedure funds. Formula Allocation Procedure funds include State Transportation Assistance, Transportation Development Act, Federal Section 5307, and Proposition A funds and are provided by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to transit operators eligible for these funds. The City and County will each finance 50 percent of the remaining \$300,000 for a maximum County contribution of \$150,000.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget and in the recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In March 2007, Metro discontinued Metro Line No. 255, which provided a direct connection between the East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital and the County's University of Southern California Medical Center. The City extended the existing DASH Boyle Heights route to Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles to replace the cancelled line. The extended Service enables East Los Angeles residents to reach community destinations by providing connections to regional transit lines and the County's El Sol Shuttle Service.

On March 13, 2007, your Board approved Agreement No. 001818 (from March 18, 2007, through March 17, 2009) for the County to contribute up to \$210,000 annually to the City to finance the County's share of the operating costs for the expanded Service into East Los Angeles. Based on route mileage within each jurisdiction, the County's share is 50 percent of the net operating cost.

On December 16, 2008, your Board approved an amendment to Agreement No. 001818 to approve additional funding and to extend the agreement through May 9, 2011. Additional funding was required because of increased hourly rates resulting from a new contract the City entered into with MV Transportation, Inc.

The City's existing contract with MV Transportation, Inc., is for a 3-year period that began on May 10, 2008, with two 1-year renewal options. On November 1, 2010, the City issued a Request for Proposals and is in the process of evaluating the submitted proposals to award a new contract for

the Service. To provide sufficient time to award the new contract, the City is renewing the existing contract with MV Transportation, Inc., on a month-to-month basis for up to 1 year. The hourly rate for the renewal period will increase from \$81.78 to \$84.12 commencing on May 10, 2011. Amendment No. 2 will provide funding for the County's share of the service through May 9, 2012, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

Upon approval, the City will be notified of our intent to continue contributing toward the operating costs for the Service. The amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow the County to continue to participate with the City to finance the operation of the Service in the County unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office